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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

ACTIVITIES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE FALL OF 1968

The "asterisked" items listed are either newly surfaced activities or are changed details on activities listed in previously printed calendars.

October

*San Diego, California - Members of the Resistance, an anti-war group, and of SDS are calling for demonstrations if Vice-President Humphrey visits San Diego, California, during October. No specific plans have been made.

*Dr. Ben SPOCK, who was recently convicted of aiding draft resistors, has begun a nationwide lecture tour to bolster the Civil Liberties Legal Defense Fund, an organization providing funds for conscientious resistors and their supporters. SPOCK expresses his belief that the Vietnam War is immoral, illegal, and that it cannot be won.

October 10-27

According to the London Times, Scotland Yard has uncovered a plot by armed extremists to seize Government buildings and the U. S. and Russian embassies during a planned anti-Vietnam War rally. The extremists reportedly are made up of American students and "draft dodgers" in Britain who are backed by "foreign capital." Senior Scotland Yard officials reportedly said the plot posed a situation "potentially as violent" as the student rioting in Paris the past spring. Scotland Yard officials declined comment when queried. The Times said simultaneous demonstrations were planned in France, Germany, and Italy. The extremists have no connection with the organizers of the demonstrations but merely plan to act during them. "The aims of the extremists seem to be to usurp authority and disrupt the administration," the Times quoted a government source as saying.

October 11-14

*Canada - American Consul at Montreal, Canada, has received an inquiry from the West Indies Society, McGill University as to whether there would be any difficulty encountered if Black Nationalists Stokely CARMICHAEL, H. Rap BROWN, John LAVELL, and Eldridge CLEAVER would be invited to lecture on "police brutality" and "suppression of black power" between 11 and 14 October 1968.

October 12

*Washington, D. C. - The Black United Front will sponsor a rally beginning at 3 p.m. in Merridian Hill Park to focus on the current racial "crisis in the district" and present an outline of the Front's future goals in the city.

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*Stokely CARMICHAEL will make his first public speech on major topics for the Front this year. Other speakers will represent Howard University, the Federal City College, and the New School on Afro-American Thought.

October 12 *Washington, D. C. - The Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam will hold an all-day vigil and "anti-war workshop" at Lafayette Park. An airman from Andrews Air Force Base has indicated that he and as many enlisted men as he can recruit will picket the White House at noon.

October 12 *Washington, D. C. - The SDS at American University is planning a "Liberation Homecoming." Demonstrators will march from American University at 10:30 a.m. to the White House and Lafayette Park for a "teach-in."

October 12 *Washington, D. C. - A group of 70 persons, most of them white, decided at a Wednesday-night (9 October) meeting, to hold a rally at 1 p.m. at the 13th Precinct Station House, 1620 V Street, N. W., and then to march to the home of Mayor Washington to present proposals for solving the problems of tension between the community and the police. The Wednesday-night meeting resulted as a result of the disorder brought on by the death of a young jaywalker shot by a policeman after a scuffle. Speakers at the Saturday rally will be: Rev. Channing PHILLIPS, Charles CASSELL, and Marion BARRY.

October 12 Madison, Wisconsin - A "Bring the Boys Home Now" march is planned by the "Young Socialists for Halstead and Boutelle." Approximately fifty to seventy persons are expected to participate in the march which will include picketing of the Air Force and the Army recruiting station in Madison.

October 12 *Madison, Wisconsin - The Committee to End the War in Vietnam applied for a permit to march and demonstrate. Although turned down by the Madison Police Department, it was approved by the Mayor's office after assurance there would be adequate marshals and no incidents. The march would go to the U. S. Army and Air Force recruiting station at the University of Wisconsin. The organizer, Lew PEPPER, said he expected about 1,000 persons and that among the expected speakers would be Howard PETRICK, a former GI discharged because of his anti-war activity.

October 12 *Joliet, Illinois - "Concerned students of Joliet" have announced plans for: 1. an anti-Vietnam rally on the lawn of the Joliet Public Library with or without city approval; 2. establishment of a liberal newspaper in Joliet; and 3. an attempt to establish at least two underground news-

papers in each school in the Joliet area.

October 12 *Los Angeles, California - A demonstration sponsored by the Young Socialist Alliance will be held at the Mexican Consulate General's Office in support of Mexican students.

October 12-13 *Jacksonville, Illinois - SDS is sponsoring a draft counseling seminar at MacMurray College. A draft counselor from the American Friends Service Committee will be present.

October 12-15 *Boulder, Colorado - An SDS National Council meeting is still scheduled at the University of Colorado. It has been estimated that 400-600 persons will attend. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

October 12 *San Francisco - A "March for Peace" proposed for men presently in uniform and veterans of former wars and scheduled to start in the Panhandle of Golden Gate Park and proceed to the Civic Center Plaza is apparently of concern to the Pentagon. Three Hamilton Air Force Base men this week charged they were being transferred to prevent their participation in the march.. Air Force [redacted] one of the organizers of the march told a press conference that he has been ordered transferred to Taiwan September 26 to prevent his participation in this protest against the war in Vietnam. He made public what purported to be an Air Force teletype message from the Pentagon which said in part that the Air Force command "strongly believes this demonstration should be quashed if possible because of possible severe impact on military discipline throughout the services..."

*The GI's and Veterans March for Peace march is to begin at noon with a rally later in the p.m. Bull horns are to be utilized by the march marshalls to organize the crowd and to keep order during the march. Endorsements and financial aid have been obtained from labor unions and churchmen. Civilian support for the march reportedly includes "mini-skirt" and "MOM" brigades of women to distribute leaflets at bases and service centers in cities. A wheelchair brigade of wounded Vietnam Veterans will allegedly head up the march. Monitors will be clergymen in clerical garb.

October 12 *Washington, D. C. - In connection with the GI's and Veterans March for Peace in San Francisco, it has been indicated that a similar march is planned on the East Coast in Washington, D. C., and that a call has gone out for servicemen to converge on Washington, D. C., the same day.

There has been no indication that the Washington, D. C., march has actually been organized.

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October 14 *Los Angeles, California - Sirhan B. SIRHAN's trial for murder in the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy now scheduled for 1 November, is expected to be continued until a later date, probably after the first of the year. The reason for the expected postponement is said to be twofold:

The attorney who is expected to assist Russell E. PARSONS in defending SIRHAN is still unavailable because of other commitments;

There is a possibility that the jury will be sequestered throughout the entire trial, which would cause jurors to be locked up during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays if the case begins as now scheduled.

Present estimates are that the trial will last about two months.

Another hearing will be held 14 October at which time discussion will be held on defense's motion for delay.

October 15-17 *Missoula, Montana - The SDS at the University of Montana is sponsoring a demonstration against CIA recruiters. SDS has demanded that school authorities cancel the CIA recruiting.

October 16-22 Los Angeles - The Resistance will sponsor a "Stop the Draft Week" beginning 16 October.

October 17 *New York City - Sentencing is scheduled for Herrees Herman B. FERGUSON and Arthur HARRIS, who were found guilty 15 June of plotting to kill Roy WILKINS and Whitney YOUNG, Jr., leaders in the colored community.

FERGUSON is a Freedom and Peace party candidate for U. S. Senator in New York and a recent ruling held that his name must be listed on the ballot despite the conviction.

October 21 *Los Angeles - Salvador Burnel CASTRO, a suspended classroom instructor at Lincoln High School, after his arrest and indictment by the Los Angeles Grand Jury in May for participating in a disturbance at East Los Angeles high schools., has had his trial date set for 21 October. A number of Mexican-Americans have been demonstrating at the Los Angeles Board of Education demanding his reinstatement. On 2 October thirty-seven were arrested. No violence occurred.

October 21-26 *Seattle, Washington - The Socialist Workers Party plans to distribute literature at the University of Washington during this week. It is calling for a massive demonstration at Seattle on 26 October as part of the national anti-war demonstrations which have been called for by the Student Mobilization Committee.

October 21-27 *New Orleans, Louisiana - A "council-in" is planned by the former members of the Alliance of Radicals. In the early part of the week the Women's Strike for Peace plan a demonstration at the Customs House and the Tulane University Chapter of the SDS plans to demonstrate at the ROTC offices of the Campus. The HS chapter of the SDS and the Spartacist League have indicated that they are willing to demonstrate. SNCC and NAACP have thus far shown no intention in participating.

October 21-27 *The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (SMCEWV) in its conference held over the Labor Day weekend in Chicago proposed that the week of 21-27 October be organized for anti-war activity aimed at strengthening the ties between the anti-war movement throughout the world and American soldiers, wherever they are stationed. Saturday, 26 October, was selected as the target date for more demonstrations in local areas.

The Austin, Texas, march and rally mentioned below is part of that plan. Other large demonstrations may be organized in the major cities in the country.

October 21-26 *Austin, Texas - The University of Texas Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Austin, Texas, in cooperation with anti-war groups in Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio, Texas, reportedly are organizing a march and rally in Austin on 26 October as a support activity of Students Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam sponsored "National Week of Solidarity with American GI's." During the period 21-25 October, UTCEWV plans to carry out an extensive program of teach-ins, forums, movies, and special activities oriented to GI's.

October 23 *Albuquerque, New Mexico - Larry RUSSEL, Chairman of New Mexico SDS, announced plans for a student boycott of classes at University of New Mexico to protest the war in Vietnam as part of the world-wide anti-war demonstrations to take place during the week of 21-26 October. Plans also include an all day "teach-in" on campus that will feature speakers, poetry readings, puppet shows and a "happening."

October 25 *Chicago, Illinois - Jerry RUBIN (YIPPIES leader), is scheduled to appear in court on two charges of disorderly conduct and one count each of resisting arrest and "solicitation to commit mob action" stemming from his actions at the DNC.

October 26 *Washington, D. C. - The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam has distributed leaflets announcing a march. Two contingents will participate: a Georgetown contingent will meet at a playground at 34th and Volta

November 1-6 *The National Mobilization Committee has declared that this will be "National GI week." Activities during the week will include attempts to gain amnesty for deserters, the inclusion of GI's in marches and demonstrations, and attempts to initiate local referendum on the Vietnam War question. On 2 November 1968, massive demonstrations are planned at N. Y., San Francisco, Chicago, and Atlanta. These may be changed to the night of 1 November. 3 November 1968, will be Vietnam Sunday. Churches will be asked to make announcements in support of anti-war activities. November 5, 1968, is to be National Student Strike Day - students will be asked to boycott classes as an anti-Vietnam War protest. (FBI - in 92237 - from a source who proved reliable in past.)

During "GI Week" the NMC will reportedly send a delegation to Sweden to talk with U. S. diserters.

November 1968 A "Monroe Court-In" is planned for Monroe, North Carolina, if Robert F. WILLIAMS, the radical black nationalist, returns to face trial on a kidnapping charge, etc. The protest and disruptive activity would be timed for the Presidential elections. It does not appear likely that WILLIAMS will risk returning to face trial although it is conceivable that his ego leads him to believe that the threat of violence from his supporters in The Revolutionary Action Movement, the Black Panther Party, and other black militants, if he were convicted, is sufficiently formidable that the court would treat him gently.

November 2-8 Rennie DAVIS said there will be demonstrations at military bases during this week to let the GI's know they can get out of the service. He said there will be leaflet ing and demonstrations and a massive demonstration on 2 November.

November 5 A nation-wide student strike on Election Day is intended, DOHRN said.

November 5 Jerry RUBIN (Yippies) stated again that he and his colleagues hope to "disrupt" the election process on Election Day.

November 5 SDS and the Peace and Freedom Party reportedly plan mass demonstrations at polling places throughout the country on Election Day.

November 7 *New York City - Mark RUDD, the Columbia SDS leader accused of rioting at the University last May, recently had the charges against him reduced from 1st degree riot, a felony, to 2nd degree riot, a misdemeanor. He is also accused of three other misdemeanors linked to the campus disturbances. A hearing on all the misdemeanors charges has been scheduled for 7 November. RUDD has been paroled pending court hearings or trial.

November 10 — *Los Angeles, California - The Los Angeles Veterans for Peace in Vietnam received a permit to march and demonstrate. The march will go to the L. A. City Hall for a rally there. Speakers will include Rear Admiral A. E. TRUE, Brigadier General Hugh HESTER, Master Sargeant Don DUNCAN, and other Vietnam veterans. Leaflets have been distributed in the L. A. area announcing the parade and rally.

November 12 — The trial of James Earle RAY, the accused killer of Martin Luther KING, Jr., is scheduled to start in Memphis, Tennessee.

November 14 — The Resistance will sponsor a nation-wide mass return of draft cards - symbolic of non-cooperation with the Selective Service System.

November 17 — The Communist parties of the Soviet Union and fifty-seven other parties have just agreed in a meeting in Budapest to shelve plans for a World Communist Summit Conference in Moscow on 25 November. Another preparatory meeting has been called for 17 November to examine the date for calling the International Conference and the method of its further preparations. The decision to postpone the Moscow Conference appeared to be a bitter blow for the Kremlin who appeared to visualize the summit as a demonstration of loyalty to Moscow as the main center of the World Communist Movement despite the defection and "splitting tactics" of Communist China. The last World Conference, attended by seventy-eight parties, almost eight years ago, was an unsuccessful attempt to avert the historic rift between Moscow and Peking. Sixty-seven delegations, representing about 3/4 of the world's communist parties, attended a 9-day conference in February and March and agreed to call the Moscow summit for 25 November. Those parties which attended in February, but stayed away from the meeting which ended today, were those of Canada, Ceylon, the Dominican Republic, Jordan, Nicaragua, Nepal, Panama, Portugal and Norway. The Icelandic Party sent observers in February.

Six ruling communist parties, those of China, Albania, Yugoslavia, No. Vietnam, No. Korea, and Cuba - boycotted both gathering but came back as observers to the meeting which has just ended. A low-level Czechoslovak delegations attended.

(In Rome, officials of the Italian and Romanian communist parties ended a ten-day meeting with a call for the right of communist parties to decide their own political lines without outside interferences. Both the Italian and Romanian parties have criticized the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia.

November 18 *Oakland, California - This date has been set for the trial of the seven young men under conspiracy indictment for their part in organizing the October 1967 demonstrations in front of the Oakland Induction Center. The charge against the Oakland Seven "conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor" carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment plus a $10,000 fine.

Over 10,000 people participated in the demonstrations at the induction center. Support for the "Oakland Seven" is being organized.

November 20 *Abbie HOFFMAN, Yippie leader, arrested and charged with defacing the American flag on 3 October during HCUA hearings has a trial date set for 20 November. He pleaded NOT guilty at his arraignment.

November 29-Dec. 1 A Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam will apparently meet in Montreal to develop coordination against U. S. intervention in Vietnam and the Americas. This meeting had earlier been indicated for 12-14 October. A planning meeting was held in Montreal on 7-8 September. A flyer issued in connection with the conference proclaims that approximately 2,000 people from throughout the hemisphere - over 1/4 from Canada - will attend. Among the listed sponsors from the U. S. are the following:

Donna ALLAN & Dagmar WILSON
Women Strike for Peace
Julian BOND - Georgia State Asembly
Anne & Carl BRADEN
Southern Christian Education Fund
Ossie DAVIS and Ruby DEE
Prof. Robert GREENBLATT - NMCEWV
Father James GROPPI
James JACKSON - CPUSA
Rev. Bernard LAYFAYETTE - SCLC
Linda MORSE - 5th Avenue Peace Parade Committee
Dr. Benjamin SPOCK
James TYNER - National Chairman - W. E. B. Dubois Club
John WILSON - SNCC

December 2 Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap BROWN on charges of arson and inciting to riot in Cambridge, Maryland, has been scheduled with Judge Harry E. DWYER, presiding.

December 2 Oakland, California - The April 6, 1968, "Shoot-out Crowd" of the Black Panther Party have had their trial set for 2 December. Eldridge CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the BPP is one of the six defendants. All pleaded innocent to a variety of charges stemming from the shoot-out with the Oakland Police Department in Oakland. This was the confrontation during which Bobby HUTTON of the BPP's was killed.

December 13 — New York City - The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee annual Bill of Rights dinner is scheduled for the Americana Hotel. The NECLC is the old ECLC rejuvenated with a new name. The old ECLC was cited as a Communist Front in 1956 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and in 1959 by HCUA. Featured speakers will be: Dr. Benjamin SPOCK and Dick GREGORY.

Corliss LAMONT is chairman of NECLC.

December 21 — *Washington, D. C. - The HCUA subcommittee after holding three days of open hearings into the conduct and connection of some groups and individuals in the DNC disorders is in recess until 21 December. Five of the seven witnesses subpoenaed have not been heard and are expected to return. They are David DELLINGER, Rennie DAVIS, Tom HAYDEN, Jerry RUBIN, and Abbie HOFFMAN. Robert GREENBLATT of the DNC and Dr. David YOUNG of the Medical Committee for Human Rights who testified last week were released from their subpoenas but could be summoned back.

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